DRV

Certification of Mailing or Facsimile Transmission
I hereby certify that I have reasonable basis to expect that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being submitted as indicated below:

[X] mailed or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

[] facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via fax number (703) 872-9306

Teresa A. Wert NAM Registration No. (if applicable)

Signature

Date

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/811,160

Applicant(s) : Eric J. Bilskie et al.

Filed : March 26, 2004

Title : An Apparatus For Slabbing A Roll Of Material

TC/A.U. : 3724

Examiner : Unknown

Conf. No. : 1981

Docket No. : 9596

Customer No. : 27752

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(With 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) Statement)

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) without fee and with statement (use when filing IDS more than 3 months after filing of non-provisional patent application, but prior to receipt of first Office Action, listing only information falling under either 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2))

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). A first Office Action on the merits in the present application has not been received. However, in the event that this paper is crossing in the mail with a first Office action on the merits, reference is hereby made to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). A statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is submitted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate of this letter (or a fee transmittal form) is enclosed herewith for this purpose.

## Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

Signature

Peter D. Meyer
Typed or printed name

Registration No. 47,792

(513) 634-7419

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO	COMPLETE IF KNOWN		
	Application Number	10/811,160	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Confirmation Number	1981	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Filing Date	March 26, 2004	
(use as many sheets as necessary)	First Named Inventor	Eric J. Bilskie et al.	
012	Group Art Unit	3724	
SUFFET 1 . 5 1	Examiner Name	Unknown	
SHEET 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	9596	

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No.1	DOCUMENT NUMBER  Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	US-1,555,391	09-29-1925	Surfus	·
		US-4,779,498	10-25-1988	Perkins	
		US-5,475,917	12-19-1995	Biagiotti	
		US-			, , ,
		US-			
		US-			-

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No.1	FOREIGN PATENT D  Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup>	OCUMENT  Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		EP 1 231 320	A2	08-14-2002	Imtex Progetti S.r.L.		
-							
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup>See Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at <a href="www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 37 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO-SB08 (Revised for P&G use 11/5/2004)